GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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POPULARISATION OF INDIAN HOCKEY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government feels the need to popularise the National game hockey;

(b) if so, whether any concrete programme has been made to glamourise Indian Hockey; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The promotion of the game of hockey including taking steps to popularize and glamourise the game is primarily the responsibility of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF), which is an autonomous society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. As per information received from IHF, it is conducting nationals at sub-junior and junior level to popularize the game at grass root level.

The Government supplements the efforts of the National Sports Federations including the IHF by providing financial assistance under various schemes of this Ministry for training and participation in International sports events abroad, organization of international sports events in India, holding of National Championship at Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior levels, training/coaching of National teams under Indian and Foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and by providing requisite technical and scientific back-up. The Government has also been giving till 2004-2005 admissible financial assistance for installation of synthetic hockey surfaces under the `Scheme of Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces`.

(c) IHF has introduced Premier Hockey League in the country with players from several countries participating in it.